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Goldie-Archibald Vows Exchanged At Carstairs

The altar of the Carstairs United Church was banked with pale-shaded gladioli and lit by candles for the recent marriage of Miss Kathleen M. Archibald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Archibald of Truro, Nova Scotia, and Mr. Gavin A. M. Goldie, son of Mr. Goldie and the late Thomas M. M. Goldie of Carstairs. The groom lived in Crossfield for several years and attended school here.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Percy McLaughlin of Armstrong, B.C., the bride wore a gown of ivory satin, with a lace yoke and a full skirt. Her floor-length veil was embroidered and held in place by a headress of staphanosis and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of gladioli and staphanosis.

Rev. M. S. Blackburn of Banff Presbyterian Church read the marriage lines, assisted by Rev. G. G. Pybus of Carstairs.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Beth Rutter of Calgary, who wore a gown of blue satin with matching headress of net and flower-buds. The groom was attended by Mr. Fred MacDowell of Claresholm, cousin of the bride. The guests were ushered to their seats by Mr. Charles L. Pearson of Carstairs and Mr. William McGillivray of Calgary.

Following the double ring ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pearson. The bride and bridegroom were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Goldie and Mrs. Pearson. Mr. William McGillivray proposed the toast to the bride.

For her wedding trip by motor to the Pacific coast, Mrs. Goldie wore a beige suit with contrasting accessories and emerald green top coat. Her ensemble was complemented with a deep violet orchid.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Goldie will live in Calgary.

Crossfield H.S. Initiation Party

CROSSFIELD. — The Crossfield High School initiation party was held on Friday, Sept. 23, at 8:00 p.m. There were 21 initiates, the largest group that Crossfield has ever had.

The party started with one of the big events when the boys shaved the girls and then were blindfolded and put makeup on them. The initiates were then led out of the room and blindfolded. They were led into the room, one by one, and in their bare feet walked through ashes and water.

The next event was a "Miss Crossfield" contest. The boys dressed in girls' bathing suits and paraded around the room. A vote was taken and Donnie Bochrige crowned queen. His ladies-in-waiting were Kenneth Kotow and Lloyd Peas.

Following this they were marched downtown where they swept off the steps of the Acme Cafe with tooth brushes. When they returned they lined up in two rows and the initiates were then allowed to go home to change. When they returned a lunch of pie, ice cream and coffee was served to guests, parents and students and ex-students. The evening ended with a record dance.

The tickets for the soup raffle were: 1st prize, \$15.00, to Mrs. F. Lauit; 2nd prize to Kay Kotow; and 3rd prize, \$5.00, to Mrs. C. Christianon.

CROSSFIELD NEWS

CROSSFIELD. — The Crossfield Home and School will hold their first meeting of the season at the school on October 13. The new screen for the moving picture machine has arrived and will be used that night.

The Justice Rebekah Lodge will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Ballan's Grocery at 3 p.m. and if necessary will continue into the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gross (nee Helen Munt) left by motor on Monday for their home at White Salmon, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Bach have moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Blaud.

The Home and School are sponsoring Blaines Photo Studio this year.

Art Bennie has started working on the basement of his home on the west side of town.

Quite a few Crossfield Masons attended St. Marks Lodge Friday night in Calgary.

The W.A. and the Advent group will hold a combined bazaar on December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunt have had as their guest during the past week Mr. Kenneth E. Gross of White Salmon, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Rowat and son returned home on Monday after a week's holiday at Red Deer and Stettler.

We hear that Allan Sharp is building a house in the south end of town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gordon were Edmonton visitors last weekend.

Keep in mind the Legion party on October 4. Good films will be shown from the National Film Board.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowat were Red Deer visitors on Sunday.

Keith Cochrane, accompanied by Roy Weitz, left on Monday for a motor trip through the States to the west coast and other points.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held at the Church of the Ascension on Sunday, Oct. 1, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Crossfield Girl Honored At Calgary Showers

CROSSFIELD. — Besides being the recent guest at a community shower held in the United Church parlors at Crossfield, Miss Helen Hurt was also the guest of honor when Mrs. Merle Jones of Calgary played hostess at a most delightful shower held at her home. Many lovely and useful gifts were received. The evening was brought to a close with a delightful lunch, high-lighted by a bride's cake.

The second shower was put on by Helen's aunt, Mrs. J. H. McCulloch of Calgary. An enjoyable evening was spent in the making of a bride's book. Little Ruth McCulloch presented her cousin with a pyrex breakfast set, a combined gift from the amiable guests.

Helen's mother, Mrs. Walter Hurt, presided at the tastefully arranged tea table while Mrs. L. Irwin and Miss Frances Sutar assisted in serving.

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Wedding

GROSS-HURT

CROSSFIELD. — Giant yellow and white 'mums flanked the altar in Central United Church, Calgary, as the setting of a colorful wedding. Saturday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. V. Hovey of Okotoks officiated at the ceremony as Helen Lois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hurt of Crossfield, exchanged marriage vows with Kenneth E. Earl Gross of White Salmon, Wash.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride entered the aisle to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March and made a lovely picture in her colonial styled floor-length white satin gown, with lily point sleeves, closely-buttoned back, fitted bodice with sheer round yoke, lace draped, the delicate folds of which were held by group pearl trim. The bouffant skirt with upward side-sweep, caught with small satin bows revealed rows of delicate white lace.

A silk-embroidered finger-tip veil was crowned with a coronet of orange blossom and she carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses and staphanosis. Her heart roses and staphanosis.

Miss Betty Hillary, maid-of-honor, was charmingly gowned in shell pink chiffon, with full floor-length skirt and fitted bodice with quilted bolero and matching mittens, altar veil and headress. Her colonial bouquet was comprised of pink roses and white 'mums.

In dainty contrast was the bridesmaid's gown of pastel blue floor-length sheer with wafting sweetheart headress and altar veil worn by Miss Irene Landymore. In contrast was her beautiful colonial bouquet of pleasing rich autumn-toned roses, gladioli and chrysanthemums with long burnt orange and yellow streamers.

Little Ruth McCulloch, looking elfin sweet in a long full pastel green net over satin gown, carried a basket of yellow 'mums as she performed her rite as flower girl.

Mr. Ernest Mainwood supported the groom, while Murray Hurt and Barry Jones ushered the guests.

During the signing of the register the organist played "Oh, Promise Me."

The Harris sky room was chosen for the reception of some 45 guests and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Hurt. Mrs. Hurt chose for this

occasion a rose-toned afternoon frock with dainty rhinestone trim at neck, complemented with grey accessories. Her corsage was of deep pink rosettes and fern. The tables were suitably arranged and the centre of interest was a huge four-tiered wedding cake — each layer set with mirrored top and pillars. It was attractively trimmed, symbolically suggestive of the occupations of the bride and groom as nurse and lumberman, respectively.

Mr. Henry McCulloch, uncle of the bride, presided as master of ceremonies and Rev. Hovey proposed the toast to the bride which brought a fitting response from the groom.

During the reception the guests enjoyed an excellent piano rendition by Miss Betty Hillary and also a vocal solo, "My Task" by the bride's uncle, Mr. Leonard Manly.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful filigreed gold vanity set, to the maid-of-honor, perfume, to the attendant and ushers gold bar pins, and to the bridesmaid a lovely gold compact.

An aquamarine gabbardine suit with burgundy hat, shoes and other accessories completed the going-away costume of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross chose the mountains for a short honeymoon before proceeding to their future home in White Salmon, Wash., where the groom is interested in the lumber business.

Elevators Close

CROSSFIELD. — Commencing October 8 all elevators in Crossfield will be closed all day every Saturday until further notice.

Obituary

CULVER CALHOUN

Culver Calhoun died in the Holy Cross hospital after a lengthy illness at the age of 76. Born at Whitley, Ont., he homesteaded north of town, but moved into town and worked as a carpenter until forced to retire through illness.

Surviving are his wife, Caroline; a daughter, Mrs. C. H. (Ida) Lyall, Calgary; a brother, James, Chatham, Ont.; two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Drummond, Vallejo, Calif., and Mrs. M. L. Woodgate, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. C. W. Anderson and Rev. W. MacDonald held services at the Crossfield United Church on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Burial followed in the family plot in the Crossfield cemetery. Pall bearers were W. A. Hunt, H. McIntyre, Ed Gilson, E. Meyers, F. Browne and C. C. Stafford.

Patagonia is in southern South America.

Canadian Legion Social Evening

CROSSFIELD. — The Crossfield Branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. will hold another of their social evenings at the Crossfield school on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Comrade H. Mumby has some good films to show, and those who saw the last showing were well pleased.

All ex-service personnel and their families will be welcome. Refreshments will be served, which the ladies are asked to please provide.

Trousseau Tea Given For Helen Hurt

CROSSFIELD. — Mr. Walter Hurt brought a round of prenuptial parties to a close when he complimented her daughter, Helen, whose marriage to Mr. Kenneth Gross took place in Calgary on Sept. 24 by entertaining over 60 guests at a trousseau tea in her home Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The tea table was spread with an ecru lace cloth and centred with a low bouquet of fall asters, flanked by slim, white tapers.

Mrs. Margaret Wigle and Mrs. Bert Lilly shared the honors at the tea table.

Those assisting in serving the guests were Mrs. E. Fox, Mrs. J. O'Neill, Mrs. J. Aldred, Mrs. A. Edlund, Mrs. H. Bolton, Mrs. H. Wigle and Mrs. J. Coulson, while those displaying the bride-elect's trousseau and gifts were Mrs. Leon Mason, Mrs. D. Stevens, Mrs. M. Fox, Miss Mable Lundeen and Miss Irene Landymore.

Obituary

THOMAS CALDWELL

Thomas McKinley Caldwell, 95, died Thursday at his home, 2627 26 street S.W., after a short illness.

Mr. Caldwell, who came to the Crossfield district in 1903, was born at Piqua, Ohio. He was well known as an extensive rancher in the Madden and Crossfield districts and also served terms as secretary-treasurer and counselor of the Madden school district.

He is survived by a brother, Newton, Calgary; two sisters, Mrs. A. Washburn, Kentland, Indiana; and Grace Caldwell, Glendora, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the Crossfield United Church on Monday at 2 p.m. with Rev. C. W. Anderson officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Crossfield cemetery. Pall bearers were L. B. Beddoes, J. H. Havens, R. C. Havens, H. McIntyre, Vic Brown and Wm. Brown.

IN THIS ISSUE!

A. E. Fee, M.L.A. for Sedgewick Constituency, writes an interesting account of his trip to Waterways, McMurray and Bitumount.

In the PARIS MURDER CASE learn how John Paris was freed after five trials!

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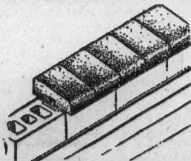
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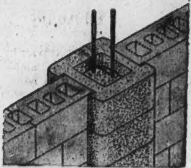
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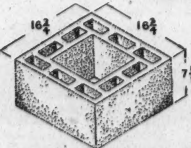
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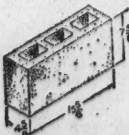
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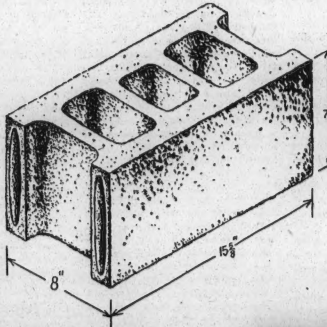


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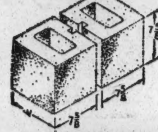
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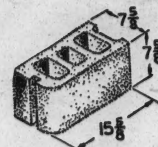
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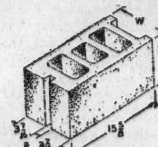
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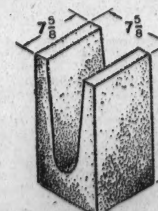
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Alberta M. L. A.'s See North Country

By A. E. FEE, M.L.A.

Those who have made the Banff-Jasper trip will recall the Columbia Ice Fields. Mountains of ice glare in the sun and extend up and disappear into the clouds.

These ice fields are the source of at least three of our larger rivers, the Bow, the Saskatchewan and the Athabasca. The Bow joins the Red River near the Saskatchewan boundary and the two form the South Saskatchewan. The South Saskatchewan joins the North Saskatchewan near Prince Albert and forms the Saskatchewan, the waters of which flow into Lake Winnipeg, through the Nelson River into Hudson's Bay at York Factory and eventually reach the Atlantic Ocean.

ICE FIELDS

The Athabasca River is the one in which we are particularly interested at the present time. Starting at the Columbia Ice Fields, it winds its way in a north easterly direction for hundreds of miles till it reaches Lake Athabasca. The waters then form the Slave River flowing into Great Slave Lake and down the Mackenzie River into the Arctic Ocean.

It appears more natural to say "up north" as this expression is still used by many people. In reality the altitude drops rapidly in a northerly direction. The altitude at Dunavon is 2234 feet; at Lac la Biche it is down to 1837; at Waterways 820 and sixty miles down the river at Bitumount it is down to 700 feet above sea level.

This chain of lakes and rivers, forms one of our great commercial highways and thousands of tons of merchandise are carried each season to the northland on our inland lakes and rivers.

Scows and barges line the river at McMurray for a distance of five miles. Waterways is the end

of the steel and McMurray is about five miles further down the river. The area between is called "the prairie" and looks to be about one section in extent. Recently the three points, Waterways, the Prairies and McMurray were incorporated into a village McMurray. McMurray was supposed to be the destination of the railway but the people of that district, despairing of the steel ever reaching McMurray, have now brought McMurray to the steel.

At low water, the Athabasca River is shallow in places and sand-bars appear frequently. About eight feet of water is the limit for scows and barges.

CHIEF PORT

Forty years ago Athabasca Landing was the principal river port. It is situated about 100 miles north of Edmonton. Starting at this point, one can go down the river, shoot the Pelican Rapids, pass McMurray and Bitumount, enter Lake Athabasca, and go either by Lake Athabasca to Goldfields in Saskatchewan, or down the Slave River to Fitzgerald, portage 16 miles around the rapids to Fort St. John. The portage crosses the line between Alberta and the N.W.T. In 16 miles of rapids the river drops 96 feet. During the Navigation season 75,000 tons of freight are portaged by truck. Since the Northern Railway was finished to Waterways, Athabasca Landing has given place to the end of the rail line at Waterways.

Leaving Fort St. John at the northern end of the portage, one continues on down the Slave River to Great Slave Lake and arrives at Fort Resolution. From here one can go either northeast across the lake to Yellowknife or northwest down the Mackenzie River to Norman, Akavik and the Arctic Ocean.

OIL NOT TAR

McMurray has become famous for its tar sands. This name was given years ago to the oily sands which are found along the banks of the river for almost 100 miles varying in depth and extent. It has very little over-burden and in places great surfaces are exposed.

Today this formation is called oil sands as it has an oil content, and not tar, as originally supposed.

The sand is very rich in oil, estimated the world's greatest known oil reserves. Judging from the nature of the formation, one would be led to believe that at some distant age this mighty river flowed with oil instead of water and that lakes of oil appeared on the surface and became filled with drifting sand.

Five miles from McMurray is the site of what was the largest project for separating the oil from the sand that has yet been undertaken. All that remains of the project is a great hole in the ground from which the sand has been taken, the charred ruins of the burned plant, and a ghost town.

The camp kitchen and a number of log cabins, with windows and doors boarded up, a water tower that once supplied water to the villagers, and a suspension bridge that spans a ravine, are all that remains of the village. The modern houses with hard wood floors and modern conveniences have been removed and shipped down the river to Great Bear and Yellowknife.

The project was located on Horse Creek, a river point of no mean dimensions that joins the Athabasca at McMurray; the sand at this point was of a harder nature than that found further down and it was necessary to do blasting to loosen the formation. At the present location at Bitumount, 60 miles down the river, the sand can be loaded in dump trucks with a power shovel.

LAB TESTED

In the laboratory of the University of Alberta, experiments have been conducted for years along the lines now being employed at the pilot plant at Bitumount. It has been known for some time that separation can be carried out successfully. This was proven conclusively in the University laboratory. It only remained to do it on a commercial scale to determine the cost of the finished product.

The late Hon. Wm. Falls was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of the oil sands, for, while Alberta held the world's reserve of oil locked up in the sands of the Athabasca, Canada was importing 90 per cent of her oil products from the United States. Mr. Falls put a proposition before the members of the Legislature and asked for an appropriation to test out the possibilities of extraction. This was granted before the Leduc, Woodland and Red Water fields of oil were tapped. The visible supply of oil in the U.S.A. was diminishing and new sources

of supply were imperative.

The name Bitumount is derived from bituminous content of the sand. Bitumount is at a point 50 miles down the river from McMurray. It is 364 miles from Edmonton.

Still further funds were required to complete the new project. As few of the members of the Legislature had ever visited the northland, or had any idea of the nature of this venture, it was considered advisable to give Members an opportunity to see the project at first hand.

NORTHERN TRIP

Dr. Robinson, Minister of Industries and Labor, made all arrangements.

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LAST OUTPOST OF FREEDOM; SMALL BUSINESS IN PERIL

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer appears to be the inexorable process of our economic system.

As early prophets of Social Credit were fond of pointing out, in terms of goods a man was only rich to the extent of his consumption—when he actually spent his dollars to purchase goods and services. But every rich man knows the real value of riches: power.

Economists have pointed out that during pioneer days of this continent, Capitalism and Democracy were good companions. While 75 per cent of the wealth belonged to 75 per cent of the people, progress was rapid and the average man prospered.

But 75 per cent of the wealth did not long continue to remain property of 75 per cent of the people. Money attracts money and the immutable tendency was for wealth to concentrate in the hands of the few.

Just how great this tendency was, became highlighted in the United States the other day by a report of the Federal Trade Commission. By the end of 1947, FTC reported to a sub-committee of Congress, almost half of the USA net capital assets was owned by only 113 corporations! In 13 industries, better than 60 per cent of all manufacturing facilities were controlled by three companies in each industry.

In the early days of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, the party published a detailed report on the 100 men who owned Canada. No one paid much attention to it.

The average Canadian realizes that we possess a number of industrial giants but does not get unduly excited about it unless they get in his personal hair.

Dangers of this immense concentration of wealth are endless. Price-fixing is only a minor evil comparatively. Secret, but nonetheless potent, influence of this economic cabal may affect every part of our way of life.

A rather absurd example is necessary to illustrate one of the gravest dangers of all. Suppose in a community of 10,000, half the purchasing power is owned by 10 men. Normally the consuming power, and thus effective purchasing, of these 10 is only 1/1000 of the total. Thus 9,990 persons have only one-half the wealth—one-half the purchasing power necessary—to buy 99.9 per cent of the goods.

The reason both that the system has not clogged down cause the 10 men loan their wealth, at interest rates, to the 9,990, which does not increase the personal consuming power of the 10 but only their wealth—and power.

Governments have found that breaking up cartels and monopolies really does not change the situation much, only makes control more dispersed. Through holding companies and interlocking directorates, the same men may exercise much the same control.

The most neglected element in our economy has been the small businessman. Public attention, and government policy, has been centred on the struggle between industry and trade union. Most small business has found it increasingly difficult to compete against chain stores and large industry.

Only in agriculture does the independent proprietor hold his own.

Introduce mass farming and we would see more clearly what is happening to business.

If we are to continue to have that private enterprise and independence we pretend to cherish, if we are not to progress to an industrial slave state—as abhorrent to sons of freedom as any other slave state—then small business must find a way of surviving.

It may not be the complete answer, but certainly a more aggressive government policy to encourage and protect the rights of small business would help. This is a basic way to combat Socialism and Communism, for when large corporations, or one man, control the destiny of the country the demand for control to be passed back to the majority, which becomes personified in the state, will inevitably arise.

In England, the Conservative party saw small business as its buffer against Socialism, but became aware of it a bit late in the day.

Is the same evolution to occur in Canada?

NO QUICK WAR

Though Russia and the United States both have the secret of the atomic bomb, it does not mean a quick knock-out, three-day struggle for World War III. The next world war, if it happens, will be more intense, more destructive of human life—and possibly even more prolonged.

Confidentially

Make Me Disappear Mr. Magician, Please

By JAY LLOYD

The very fact they would have too much company if they appeared in public sometimes made famous personages who travelled a great deal quite lonely.

One of the loneliest persons I ever met was Blackstone, the magician. I saw him for the last time shortly before his death. His wife had died a short time previously, and he missed her company, as his custom was to stay in his dressing room between shows.

I visited him after the Saturday matinee and he practically pleaded with me to stay with him until the evening performance.

LATEST TRICK

While preparations were being made for the opening curtain, he took me back to his dressing room, some of his latest tricks. He said he particularly wished to show me how he did his disappearing trick, which he took me on stage for the purpose.

Suddenly I heard the curtain, to which I had my back, start to go up. I tried to get off, but his stage manager had hold of one arm, and Blackstone the other.

They whirled me about and Blackstone took me to the front of the stage.

VERY DEAR FRIEND

"A very dear friend came back stage to me," Blackstone explained to the capacity audience, "and I thought I would introduce him to you."

Between every phrase, the magician was whispering out of the corner of his mouth: "What's your name? What's your name?"

I was so stunned it took me a few minutes even to remember my name. Meanwhile Blackstone was elaborating on the intimacy of our acquaintance!

Finally I blurted out the cognomen with which I had been "infinitely bowed to the audience, and made a very self-conscious exit. Only when I got off stage did I remember the proper remark: "All right, Mr. Blackstone, make ME disappear."

SOME FACTORS!

I certainly would have welcomed a bit of disappearing magic, for I think the walk from centre stage to the wings was the longest trek I have ever made!

The sequel came the next day. I think every person I knew was in the audience that night. It was all summed up by a character we called The Judge.

The Judge: "Congratulations, I didn't know you were a world champion."

Little Me: "Neither did I."

The Judge: "Well, I thought I had seen all the great hams of the stage, but believe me, Saturday night you exceeded them all!"

JACK SHARKEY

Another lonely figure was Jack Sharkey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion.

Strange as it may seem, Sharkey was "afraid" to leave his hotel room because so many people he hadn't the slightest interest in wished to talk to him—and he freely admitted it. I simply could not get away.

He gave me as uncomfortable a five minutes as I've ever had outside of an air raid, by giving me a specific demonstration of how he would defeat Joe Louis at their next meeting.

"I'll hit him with a left over the heart," said Sharkey, proceeding to hit me with a huge fist in the desired location. "Then I'll bring up a right for the knock-out."

HAYMAKES

He started the right hand somewhere close to the floor. He was undoubtedly under the impression that he had pulled the punch of his left. But I wasn't.

As I gazed at that roundhouse right I had impressions of going through the door without the benefit of an opening, except self-made.

Sharkey had worked himself into a frenzied excitement over his imaginary knock-out of Joe Louis, and me into a tizzy for fear I was to be an experiment in the process. I had had impressions of being interrupted by one of Sharkey's travelling companions, and I was able to leave all in one piece.

DEVALUATION---THE RIGHT STEP

By T. W. PUE

Suppose you were born into a family of hereditary wealth, and upon reaching the age of responsibility were given \$100.00 per week to spend.

Suppose, however, that disaster overtook the family fortunes, wiping out the source of your free income, leaving you in debt.

Suppose, too that you had to go to work to earn a living, but by working hard you could earn only \$70.00 per week.

Naturally, you would not like the reduction in your standard of living that the loss of \$30 per week in income would bring. Neither would you enjoy the prospect of working so hard to get what you had formerly received by not working at all. However, you do a little figuring and find that by cutting your expenses to \$60 per week you can pay your way and gradually get out of debt. But if you continued to spend \$100 per week while earning only \$70, you go further into the red. No matter how kind your friends are with loans and hand-outs you could expect to go bankrupt in a short time.

Wouldn't it be better for you to quickly revalue your earning power, reduce your spending, and start paying up your debts? If you decided to do this, you would not object to what Britain, Canada and many other countries are doing in a world economy dominated by American money, by devaluing your currency.

THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS

While the British pound is reduced in value from \$4.03 to \$3.07, in terms of Canadian money, the American dollar now is worth \$1.10. This means, for instance, that we will be able to buy British cars for about \$300 less than when they cost two weeks ago and American cars, or Canadian cars with American-made parts will cost more.

According to all the laws of supply and demand we'll become more familiar with the ill-fated Austin from England and less familiar with the big American Auburn and Packard.

We should, however, see more American tourists spending more money in Canada. A couple I met at the CWRA convention at Jasper

Park Lodge told me they missed the 10 per cent premium paid on American money.

Seems that eight years ago they could get accommodation at the Lodge for \$12.00 per day, less 10 per cent on exchange. This year it cost \$20 per day flat—no premium on American money. Seems that 10 per cent means a lot to folks who pay \$10 per week for boards and room.

They have spent three months this year at Jasper and could spend more time there next year even if they get a saving of 10 per cent on the new exchange regulations. But undoubtedly there are many more Americans who will spend their money in Canada next year if they can save 10 per cent.

In short, we should, by this new move, buy more from Britain and sell less there. On the other hand, we should sell more goods and services to the U.S. and buy less. By doing these things we should help our balance of trade. These dollars which, more than anything else, have become the heart of the world currencies.

GOLD IS NO STANDARD

Contrary to the widely-held view that gold is the standard on which the dollar is based, I submit that the real money standard is the commodity of long-term, volume of production.

In the golden era of exploration, Spain gathered together all the gold she could find, together all the giant galleons of the day, but did not know how to use it. However, on the contrary, Spain lost in power and influence because she did not control what Britain, Canada and many other countries are doing in a world economy dominated by American money, by devaluing your currency.

This buried loot is just the by-product of an aggressive industrialization program that makes the American people wealthy. The other nations of the world can learn a lesson here. To make themselves equal in producing power will be to make their currencies equal in value to the American dollar.

NO MAGICAL FORMULA

There is no magical formula to do it—and that is to produce more goods at lower cost. You can't do it by legislation, as the Socialists on the Santa Claus psychology. Increased production, efficiency and harder work is the answer.

Canada's Wheat Crop Under 10-Year Average

OTTAWA.—Canada's 1949 wheat crop is expected to be 391,000 bushels, 1,800,000 bushels less than last year and about 18,000,000 bushels less than the 10-year average for 1939-49.

The crop estimate was the first issued this year by the Bureau of Statistics which reported that the wheat is being harvested from a near-record crop area estimated at 27,500,000 acres compared with 24,100,000 acres in 1948 and 23,500,000 acres for the 10-year average.

On the prairie provinces the wheat is estimated at 362,000,000 bushels compared with 363,000,000 produced last year and 320,000,000 in 1947.

Area sown with spring wheat is 26,753,000 compared with 23,247,000 last year and 25,548,000 in 1947. Area sown with all wheat is 27,538,000 compared with 24,105,900 last year and 24,260,000 in 1947.

Manitoba's wheat production is estimated at 67,000,000 compared with 67,000,000 in 1948 and 42,000,000 in 1947; Saskatchewan 199,000,000 compared with 191,000,000 and 178,000,000, and Alberta 96,000,000 as against 115,000,000 and 105,000,000.

The bureau estimates production of oats in the three prairie provinces at 200,000,000 bushels

compared with 224,000,000 last year and 194,000,000 in 1947.

Barley production is expected to hit 115,000,000 bushels compared with 142,000,000 and 131,000,000.

In the prairie provinces the wheat crop is expected to yield 362,000,000 bushels, 1,900,000 less than last year. The anticipated average yield of wheat on the prairies is 13.7 bushels per seeded acre, with Manitoba averaging 21.2; Saskatchewan 12.6 and Alberta 12.7.

Estimated average yield of wheat for all Canada is 14.2 bushels, compared with 16.3 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 17.4 bushels per acre.

Membership in Canadian labor union now exceeds 1,000,000, an increase of 870 per cent in ten years.

Canada's only Mohammedan mosque had its first wedding. Adel Younes of Chicago was married to Hana Sadeq Hamdan of Edmonton by Abu Shaden of Edmonton. Shaden performed the ceremony in Edmonton after getting instructions by correspondence.

International trade in meat during 1948 declined by about 18 per cent, dropping from nearly 8.8 billion pounds in 1947 to approximately 4 billion pounds in 1948. This is well below the 1946 level of nearly 8.6 billion pounds.

John Paris Freed After Five Trials

(Second Installment of The Strangest Murder Case on Record)

Justice moves swiftly in Canada and the Paris trials may claim no record for length of time before the courts, for in the space of one year, John Paris was tried five times.

The case, however, is unique in this respect: In the five times he was tried for a murder—in itself a record—Paris was once convicted, never found not guilty and

yet freed with the consent of the Crown.

PARIS FREED

The "freeing" in itself was unusual. Paris was allowed to go on the understanding that he should be ready for trial if the Crown again decided to prosecute. Under British law a man cannot again be tried for the same crime of which he has been found not guilty. Paris has not been found not guilty.

CROWN JUST GAVE UP

In four trials—not counting the one in which he was found guilty—the jury disagreed. The Crown was, therefore, protecting its right of further prosecution if subsequently additional evidence came to light which might indicate a stronger hope for conviction. But actually the Crown was giving up the attempt to convict; and Paris has never again been asked to stand trial. It is doubtful if the case has ever been investigated further.

AVOID THE ROPE

Now Paris circumvented the noose which seemed waiting for his neck when he was sentenced to death after being found guilty in the second trial needs explanation. Paris' lawyer appealed to the

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Supreme Court of New Brunswick for a new trial on the ground that defence counsel was not present when the jury, after retiring to consider a verdict, came back to ask information from the court.

SAVED BY TECHNICALITY

On such technicalities does a man's life sometimes depend. As it proved, to Paris it was the difference between death by hanging and many more years of life outside prison walls.

(To Be Continued)

How to Choose, Care for Rugs

Miss Caroline Judson, Home Department Specialist, Alberta Department of Agriculture, offers the following suggestions on choice and care of rugs.

Room rugs should be room size, she says. Skimpier rugs look lost and out of place. A margin of floor space no larger than one foot wide should show around the edges of the rug.

Spots, crumbs and general wear show less on a patterned or textured rug than on a plain one.

Dark colors show footprints, dust and lint. Light colors soil faster, but as they soil or fade they grey down evenly.

Always select a rug slightly more intense than you desire, to allow for fading and soiling.

Small rugs on wood or linoleum floors should be treated with non skid preparation or have rubber jar rings sewn in the corners so that they will not slip.

If you have little to spend and desire an attractive floor covering invest in fibre rugs. Rugs woven of fibre, paper, grass and sometimes interlaced with cotton, rayon or wool made attractive, long wearing coverings. Some are plastic coated for extra wear.

Any rug will wear almost twice as long if it has a rug pad underneath. Such pads are usually made of hair which has been treated to repel moths. Rug pads do not add greatly to the initial cost and the extra wear they insure makes them worth the additional cost.

A small patterned or plain rug that is badly worn in one section may often be cut down and used in a smaller room. To do this, cut the rug to its new size with pair of heavy scissors. New binding will have to be applied to the cut edges. Rug binding is usually sold at the notions counter of the department store and it comes in a variety of colors.

Stair carpeting will last nearly twice as long if you buy the strip in length to cover the stairway plus one extra stair tread. This additional length allows the carpet to be shifted from tread to tread as the carpet wears. Stairways require sturdier carpets than any other part of the house.

Old rugs may be dyed to look like new. A strong solution of dress or coat dye scrubbed into the rug will renew its appearance.

Ring Rot Survey

If bacterial ring rot is to be eliminated from our potato fields, co-operation of every commercial potato grower in Alberta will be needed.

The annual ring rot survey, conducted by the Alberta Department of Agriculture, has started in the areas of Edmonton, Calgary, Brooks, and Lethbridge, and growers are asked to assist inspectors in every way possible. For the protection both of himself and his fellow potato producers, any grower who has not yet obtained

Make enough dye solution to do the entire rug, since it will be difficult to match the color another time.

his grower's permit should advise the Field Crops Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture without delay, so that his crop may be inspected.

Whether or not bacterial ring rot is present in the crop, the department of Agriculture recommends that root cellars be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the new crop is stored. A solution of one pint of formaldehyde in 20 gallons of water used as a spray will keep root cellars free from many diseases.

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World in Review

Pekin (formerly Peiping, the ancient name having been restored by the Communists)—Communists intend to form a new Chinese Republic. Inauguration probably will be next month.

Washington—Britain and the U.S.A. are jointly seeking formation of a common policy for Asia.

Berlin—Russian-sponsored, the Socialist Unity Party is slowly but surely losing in Soviet favor. Russia is particularly vexed by its failure to win the German masses to communism.

Chicago—The city has taken preliminary steps to clean up its infamous Skid Row. An area permitted to go derelict for 30 years, however, will not be overhauled in a single night.

Buenos Aires—Argentina is regarding its treaty with Great Britain as having defence as well as economic implications. Senator D.

L. Molinari, spokesman for the government stated it put the two nations "in readiness for the next war, which may be very near."

St. Gerges, Switzerland—Bacteriological weapons have far surpassed the atom bomb in destructiveness, according to Dr. Brock Chisholm, Canadian-born head of the United World Health Organization.

Durban—South Africans are developing a passion for wearing beads.

Tel Aviv—Israel has indicated it would welcome international supervision of the holy places of the three great religions in Jerusalem.

Vancouver, B.C.—Canada's next exploration for oil will be on the Queen Charlotte Islands, off the B.C. coast. Royal Oil Company is to carry out the exploratory work.

Ottawa—The National Research Council has discovered that the neutron is heavier than supposed. The discovery was made during work on atomic energy projects.

Alberta M.L.A.'s See North Country

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arrangements for the trip. The Northern Railway provided the transportation to McMurray without cost to the Members of the Government. They supplied two sleepers and a diner for four days. Forty-two M.L.A.'s who went were impressed with the display of black gold which this part of the province affords.

In any part of the province where people have a prairie trail they want a graded road. When they get a graded road they want a gravelled highway and when they get a gravelled highway they want a paved speed-way. McMurray has not roads whatever, not even prairie trails. They get in and out by train, plane or by river boat.

Our party made the trip from McMurray to Bitumont by plane, taking about 40 minutes. By boat, the same trip takes 10 hours. The country is broken by water courses with willows and muskies. Bush and small trees cover most of the land and no cleared or farming land is in evidence.

PLANT OPERATION

We had the privilege of seeing the plant in operation. It has the appearance of being modern in every respect. At the scene of operations about two acres of surface has been cleared to a depth of about four feet on the east bank of the river. The surface is level and a face of 20 feet is being worked, with still a depth of 60 feet of oil sand below the working face.

The sand is loaded into dump trucks by a power shovel. This shovel loads about 300 cubic yards in eight hours and provides a hopper supply that will keep the plant in operation for 24 hours. Each truck load is weighed and a careful account is kept of the material handled.

Each cubic yard of the sand produces 32 gallons of crude oil, much the same grade as that produced at Wainwright. At present only one operation for separation is in use but it has been determined that further separation process will add another 10 to 15 per cent output to the oil recovery. The present output is 200 barrels per day and the plant is being operated with

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the use of the fuel oil produced on the premises.

One naturally supposes that the oil is found coated on the particles of sand. While this is true to a certain extent the volume of oil is contained in clay particles which are mixed with the sand. The separation is brought about by the use of hot water and steam which dissolve the clay, washes the sand and frees the oil. One might think that particles of sand would be found in the oil but under the present process in use this is impossible.

In the separation tank an aeration system is in use. Air is pumped into the tank through a porous rock formation similar to pumice stone. This produces bubbles which carry the oil to the surface leaving the sand at the bottom. The oil is skimmed off by revolving paddles and enters the pipes leading to the refinery. A quantity of water remains in the oil until it is removed by evaporation.

PIPE LINE POSSIBLE

Five grades of oil are being produced by the refinery. The first is naphtha which is the raw material from which gasoline is produced, although the gasoline is not being processed at the present time. After the naphtha is removed further heat is applied and fuel oil drained off. More heat produces diesel oil; still more heat produces an oil a little heavier and the remainder is known as bunker oil. This last oil must be pre-heated to be used in a furnace but when properly used gives the greatest heat of any of the oils. Transportation is the big problem of the north but a pipe line will carry oil where no other means of transportation is available. And when production in the area reaches the point where outside markets are desirable a pipe line from the source of the world's greatest oil deposit is a distinct possibility.

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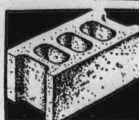
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